

Furthermore, there is a unity of invention which pervades the entire application, namely, a sewer grate with an appropriate locking mechanism. Thus, it is submitted that the election requirement is inappropriate. However, in order to be fully responsive hereto Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Claims 1-13.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the response hereto that a action on the merits is appropriate and such action is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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